

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Page 11, before claim 1, insert:**

I claim:

**Page 11-14, please amend the claims as follows:**

Claim 1. (currently amended) A Partition ~~(1)~~ for use in the production of one or more multilayers ~~(2)~~ or a multilayer pressed packet ~~(3)~~, wherein the partition ~~(1)~~ can be placed as a pressing sheet in the composite of a multilayer pressed packet ~~(3)~~ to be produced, especially between two multilayers ~~(2)~~, characterized in that the partition ~~(1)~~ is implemented as a steel sheet, but not as a high-grade steel sheet, that the steel sheet [-] at a temperature of essentially 180° C [-] possesses a tensile strength of at least  $R_m \geq 500 \text{ MPa}$  and/or [-] at a temperature of essentially 180° C [-] a yield strength of at least  $R_{p0.2} \geq 470 \text{ MPa}$ .

Claim 2. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to ~~the preceding~~ claim 1, characterized in that the steel sheet is essentially completely surface-treated.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the steel sheet has a thickness of 0.3 to 0.5 mm.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that additionally the steel sheet has an organic, inorganic, or metallic coating ~~(8)~~.

Claim 5. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the metallic coating ~~(8)~~ is made of aluminum or copper.

Claim 6. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the organic coating (8) is applied as a lubricating agent.

Claim 7. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the lubricating agent is produced from an olefin base.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the coating (8) has a thickness of at least 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 9. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that at least one surface of the steel sheet is covered with a copper foil (7).

Claim 10. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the steel sheet has a tensile strength of at least  $R_m \geq 690 \text{ MPa}$  and a yield point of at least  $R_{p0.2} \geq 630 \text{ MPa}$ .

Claim 11. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the steel sheet (1) is comprised of an unalloyed carbon steel.

Claim 12. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 11, characterized in that the steel sheet is comprised of 0.03 to 1.2 % by weight C and 0.2 to 1.5 % by weight Mn portions.

Claim 13. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 12, characterized in that the steel sheet is comprised of 0.03 to 1.0 % by weight C and 0.2 to 0.5 % by weight Mn portions.

Claim 14. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 11 ~~one of claims 11 through 13~~, characterized in that the steel sheet contains slight traces of phosphorous, sulphur, aluminum, and/or silicon.

Claim 15. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 11 ~~one of claims 11 through 14~~, characterized in that the lubricating agent is a polymer with a polyolefin base.

Claim 16. (currently amended) The partition ~~Partition~~ according to claim 11 ~~one of claims 11 through 15~~, characterized in that the coating (8) is implemented as a thin layer chromium plating.

Claim 17. (currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for producing a partition (1) for a multilayer pressed packet (3), especially a partition (1) pursuant to one of the claim 1 ~~claims 1 through 10~~, wherein the partition (1) can be placed as a pressing sheet in the composite of a multilayer pressed packet (3) to be produced, especially between two multilayers (2), characterized in that the partition (1) is implemented as a steel sheet, but not as a high-grade steel sheet, that the steel sheet [-] at a temperature of essentially 180° C [-] possesses a tensile strength of at least  $R_m \geq 500 \text{ MPa}$  and/or [-] at a temperature of essentially 180° C [-] a yield point of at least  $R_{p0.2} \geq 470 \text{ MPa}$ .

Claim 18. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 17 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the steel sheet is essentially completely surface-treated.

Claim 19. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 17 ~~one of claims 17 or 18~~, characterized in that the steel sheet is produced in a thickness of 0.3 to 0.5 mm.

Claim 20. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 17 ~~one of claims 17 through 19~~, characterized in that the steel sheet is additionally provided with an organic, inorganic, or metallic coating (8).

Claim 21. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 17 ~~one of claims 17 through 20~~, characterized in that the steel sheet is produced with a metallic coating (8) made of aluminum or copper.

Claim 22. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 17 ~~one of claims 17 through 21~~, characterized in that a lubricating agent is applied as the organic coating (8).

Claim 23. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 17 ~~one of claims 17 through 22~~, characterized in that the coating (8) is produced with a thickness of at least 2  $\mu$ m.

Claim 24. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 17 ~~one of claims 17 through 23~~, characterized in that at least one surface of the steel sheet is covered with a copper foil (7).

Claim 25. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 17 ~~one of claims 17 through 24~~, characterized in that the steel sheet is produced from such a

material and treated such that the steel sheet that is produced has a tensile strength of at least  $R_m \geq 690$  MPa and a yield point of at least  $R_{p0.2} \geq 630$  MPa.

Claim 26. (currently amended) The method Method according to claim 17 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the steel sheet (1) is produced from an unalloyed carbon steel.

Claim 27. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 26, characterized in that the steel sheet contains 0.03 to 1.2 % by weight C and 0.2 to 1.5 % by weight Mn portions.

Claim 28 (currently amended) The method Method according to claim 27, characterized in that the steel sheet contains 0.03 to 0.1 % by weight C and 0.2 to 0.5 % by weight Mn portions.

Claim 29. (currently amended) The method Method according to claim 27 ~~one of claims 26 through 28~~, characterized in that the steel sheet contains slight traces of phosphorous, sulphur, aluminum, and/or silicon.

Claim 30 (currently amended) The method Method according to claim 26 ~~one of claims 26 through 29~~, characterized in that the lubricating agent is a polymer with a polyolefin base.

Claim 31. (currently amended) The method Method according to claim 26 ~~one of claims 26 through 30~~, characterized in that the coating (8) is implemented as a thin layer chromium plating.

Claim 32. (currently amended) A method Method for producing a multilayer pressed packet (3), wherein a partition (1) can be placed as a pressing sheet in the composite of a multilayer pressed packet (3) to be produced, especially between two multilayers

(2), characterized in that a partition (1) in accordance with claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 through 16~~ and/or a partition (1) ~~produced in accordance with claims 17 through 31~~ is used.

Claim 33. (currently amended) A multilayer ~~Multilayer~~ pressed packet (3) for the production of one or more multilayers (2), characterized in that at least one partition (1) in accordance with claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 through 16~~ is inserted within the multilayer pressed packet (3).

Please add the following claim:

Cclaim 34. (new) A method for producing a multilayer pressed packet, wherein a partition can be placed as a pressing sheet in the composite of a multilayer pressed packet to be produced, especially between two multilayers, characterized in that a partition produced in accordance with claim 17 is used.